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## Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 54/5 of 8 October 1999, by which it granted observer status to the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, as well as its past resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, including its resolution 65/128 of 13 December 2010,

*Recalling also* that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social or humanitarian nature,

*Recalling further* the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Recalling* its Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security of 9 December 1994,[1]

*Recognizing* that any dispute or conflict in the region impedes cooperation, and stressing the need to solve such a dispute or conflict on the basis of the norms and principles of international law,

*Convinced* that the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

[1] Resolution 49/57, annex.



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*Recalling* the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to resolution 65/128,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the Declaration adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the States members of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization on the occasion of the Twentieth Anniversary Summit of the Organization, held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 26 June 2012;

2. *Reiterates* the conviction that multilateral economic cooperation contributes to enhancing peace, stability and security to the benefit of the Black Sea region;

3. *Notes* the resolve of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to foster a pragmatic and project-oriented approach in the spheres of common interest for its States members, where improved regional cooperation could create synergies and increase the efficiency of resources used;

4. *Welcomes* the adoption of the economic agenda of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization at the twenty-sixth meeting of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Organization in Belgrade on 11 June 2012, which was subsequently endorsed by the Heads of State and Government of the States members of the Organization at its Twentieth Anniversary Summit, in which the member States reiterated their commitment to enhancing the economic mission of the Organization and implementing its economic agenda in accordance with the guidelines set out therein, taking into account the developments that have taken place both inside the Organization itself and in the broader international environment since its establishment;

5. *Values* the activities of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization aimed at strengthening regional cooperation in such fields as energy, including renewable energy and energy efficiency, transport, institutional renewal and good governance, trade and economic development, banking and finance, environmental protection, sustainable development and entrepreneurship, communications, agriculture and agro-industry, health care and pharmaceutics, tourism, science and technology, exchange of statistical data and economic information, collaboration among customs authorities and combating organized crime and the trafficking of drugs, weapons and radioactive material, acts of terrorism and illegal migration and in other related spheres;

6. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to elaborate and realize concrete joint regional projects, particularly in the field of transport, which will contribute to the development of Euro-Asian transport links, and recalls, within this framework, the memorandum of understanding for the coordinated development of the Black Sea Ring Highway and the memorandum of understanding on the development of Motorways of the Sea in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization region, which entered into force in late 2008;

7. *Appeals* for greater cooperation between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and international financial institutions in co-financing feasibility and pre-feasibility studies for projects in the wider Black Sea area, where economically prudent and within their respective mandates;

[2] See A/67/280-S/2012/614, sect. II.

8. *Notes* the contributions of the bodies related to the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, namely, the Parliamentary Assembly, the Business Council, the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank and the International Centre for Black Sea Studies, to the strengthening of multifaceted regional cooperation in the region;

9. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to promoting fruitful cooperation with the United Nations and the specialized agencies, in particular to developing practical and results-oriented projects, in areas of common interest, as reiterated in the Declaration and the new economic agenda endorsed at the Twentieth Anniversary Summit of the Organization;

10. *Also welcomes* the increased cooperation between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic Commission for Europe, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as well as the working contacts of the Organization with the World Health Organization and the World Bank aimed at promoting sustainable development in the Black Sea region;

11. *Acknowledges* the commitment of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to contributing to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals at the national, regional and global levels;

12. *Welcomes* the financing of projects by the Project Development Fund of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, as well as by the Hellenic Development Fund, which was established within the Organization to support projects for the sustainable development of the Black Sea region, in turn contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the wider Black Sea area;

13. *Notes* the willingness of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to continue to implement sustainable development strategies based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activities and environmental protection, and in this context also notes the holding of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

14. *Welcomes* the continuation of the implementation of the Black Sea Trade and Investment Promotion Programme, the first partnership project between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Development Programme, launched on 1 December 2006, which led to the signing of a cooperation agreement between the two organizations on 28 June 2007 in Istanbul;

15. *Notes* the active engagement of the Istanbul International Centre for Private Sector in Development at the Twentieth Anniversary Summit of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, and encourages the Centre to contribute to the implementation of the new economic agenda;

16. *Also notes* the efforts of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to take measures to rehabilitate, protect and preserve the environment in the Black Sea region, and in this regard welcomes its cooperation with WWF;

17. *Further notes* the increased cooperation between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and, within this framework, welcomes the launching on 1 September 2007 of their joint project to strengthen the criminal justice response to trafficking in persons in the Black Sea region;

18. *Welcomes* the multifaceted and fruitful cooperation between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the Economic Commission for Europe, especially in the area of transport, within the framework of the Cooperation Agreement signed by the two organizations on 2 July 2001;

19. *Encourages* the full implementation of the Cooperation Agreement between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme dated 20 February 2002 and the Relationship Agreement between the Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization dated 8 September 1997;

20. *Notes* the establishment of cooperation between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the International Centre for Hydrogen Energy Technologies of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, with emphasis placed on energy and the environment;

21. *Also notes* that the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization became a member of the Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in 2009 in order to contribute to the fulfilment of the objectives of the Alliance by promoting projects aimed at building bridges between diverse cultures and communities and fostering cross-cultural exchange and cooperation, and welcomes the intention of the secretariats of the two organizations to sign a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in the near future;

22. *Further notes* the intensified cooperation between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the European Union, and supports the efforts of the Organization to take concrete steps for the establishment of mutually beneficial partnerships;

23. *Notes* the cooperation established between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and other regional organizations and initiatives;

24. *Invites* the Secretary-General to strengthen dialogue with the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization with a view to promoting cooperation and coordination between the secretariats of the two organizations;

25. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to cooperate with the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization in order to continue programmes with the Organization and its associated institutions for the achievement of their objectives;

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization".

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**Addendum**

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

**Armenia, France, Israel, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Spain**

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# Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 48/2 of 13 October 1993, by which it granted observer status to the Economic Cooperation Organization,

*Recalling also* its previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization, in which it invited various specialized agencies as well as other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and relevant financial institutions to join in the efforts towards realizing the goals and objectives of the Economic Cooperation Organization,

*Appreciating* the efforts made by the Economic Cooperation Organization to strengthen its relations with the United Nations system and with relevant international and regional organizations in creating conditions conducive to socioeconomic progress in the region, including through the development and implementation of joint projects and programmes in areas of common interest,

*Noting* the efforts made by the United Nations system and the relevant international and regional organizations in extending technical and financial assistance to the Economic Cooperation Organization for the development and implementation of programmes and projects pertaining to socioeconomic progress in the region, and encouraging them to continue their support,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 65/129 of 13 December 2010,[1] and acknowledges the growing cooperation between the two organizations;

2. *Takes note* of the Baku Declaration, issued at the twelfth Economic Cooperation Organization summit meeting of Heads of State and/or Government of

[1] See A/67/280-S/2012/614, sect. II.



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the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held on 16 October 2012 in Baku;

3. *Notes* the initiative of the Economic Cooperation Organization on e-trade and the regional single window to introduce the cross-border exchange of e-certificates of origin and other relevant documents among the member countries of the Economic Cooperation Organization, and invites the relevant United Nations institutions and agencies, especially the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific, to consider extending technical and financial support to the Economic Cooperation Organization in implementing its programme on paperless trade;

4. *Also notes* the progress on the proposed joint project of the Economic Cooperation Organization and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States on the promotion of transit transport cooperation among landlocked and transit countries in the region, and invites that Office to consider supporting the proposed study project of the two bodies on the possibility of providing concessional services for landlocked countries in selected ports of transit countries of the region, within existing resources;

5. *Appreciates* the existing cooperation between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Economic Cooperation Organization in the field of trade capacity-building of member States, expresses satisfaction at the successful conclusion of the two phases of their joint project in this field, and invites the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other relevant United Nations agencies to give consideration to supporting the implementation of the third phase of the project;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Trade Organization and the International Trade Centre to develop strategies for States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization in their trade liberalization processes that could lead to the regional and global integration of their economies;

7. *Notes* the project of the Economic Cooperation Organization to expand intraregional trade by organizing business forums, meetings of buyers and sellers, trade promotional activities, specialized trade fairs, exchanges of delegations of buyers and sellers, symposiums on leading export sectors and trade research, and invites relevant United Nations agencies and institutions to consider extending support to these initiatives;

8. *Notes with satisfaction* the approval of the railway network development plan of the Economic Cooperation Organization at the eleventh meeting of Heads of railway authorities of the member States in Ankara in June 2012, and invites all the relevant international financial and specialized institutions to consider participating in the implementation of the plan, taking into account the key role played by the railway network of the Economic Cooperation Organization as a land bridge between Asia and Europe;

9. *Notes* the recommendations of the joint workshop of the Economic Cooperation Organization and the Economic Commission for Europe on a unified railway law, held in Ankara in June 2012, regarding the formulation of a unified

railway law on international freight and passenger traffic by rail with a view to the facilitation of transport by rail in the region, and invites the relevant United Nations agencies to consider implementing the recommendations;

10. *Encourages* all members of the Economic Cooperation Organization that have not done so to accede to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail[2] and the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention);[3]

11. *Appreciates* the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to develop two road transport corridors, between Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkey and between Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, and invites the relevant international and regional organizations, notably the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Islamic Development Bank and the Economic Commission for Europe, to consider participating in the fields of study, demonstration caravans and other activities envisaged in the project of the Economic Cooperation Organization to develop these corridors, within their respective mandates;

12. *Notes* the current efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to operationalize the Interim Motor Vehicle Third-Party Liability Insurance Scheme ("White Card Scheme"), and invites the Economic Commission for Europe and the Council of Bureaux to consider extending their support to the Economic Cooperation Organization in its implementation of the scheme, within their respective mandates;

13. *Invites* the Economic Commission for Europe to consider cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization in promoting the accession of its member States to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road;

14. *Notes* the ongoing efforts to set up the Economic Cooperation Organization unified visa sticker for drivers and other persons involved in transit transport, and invites the United Nations and relevant international and regional institutions, within their respective mandates, to consider cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization in developing this unified visa system with the aim of facilitating transit transport in the region;

15. *Also notes* the recent efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to initiate feasibility studies for enhancing the connectivity of the ports of its member States with those of the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as a way to strengthen the access of the landlocked States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization to international markets;

16. *Takes note* of the plan of action for energy/petroleum cooperation for the period 2011-2015, particularly in the development and implementation of regional programmes on renewable sources of energy and energy efficiency, and invites the relevant United Nations bodies to consider collaborating with the secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization in monitoring the implementation of the plan of action, within their existing mandates;

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[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1397, No. 23353.

[3] Ibid., vol. 1079, No. 16510.

17. *Notes* the adoption of the framework plan of action on environmental cooperation and global warming in the Economic Cooperation Organization region for the period 2011-2015, and invites the Economic Cooperation Organization to cooperate with specialized agencies, including the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme, as appropriate;

18. *Invites* the relevant United Nations agencies, especially the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to consider cooperation with the Regional Coordination Centre of the Economic Cooperation Organization in the implementation of the regional programme for food security of the Economic Cooperation Organization in Ankara;

19. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization to prepare a technical assistance project proposal on the implementation of the regional programmes for food security of the Economic Cooperation Organization under the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme administered by the World Bank, and invites the Steering Committee of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme to consider extending technical and financial support for the implementation of the regional programmes;

20. *Invites* the relevant United Nations agencies to consider extending support to the activities of the Economic Cooperation Organization Seed Association and its projects on seed sector development in the region;

21. *Invites* cooperation between the relevant United Nations agencies, especially the World Meteorological Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank and other institutions and organizations, to consider providing financial and technical support for the regional projects of the Economic Cooperation Organization related to drought management and meteorology and to support the programmes of its Regional Centre for Risk Management of Natural Disasters, in Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran, in the field of agriculture and of its Meteorological Calibration Centre, in Ankara;

22. *Takes note* of the resolution adopted by the Economic Cooperation Organization to establish the Veterinary Commission in Tehran and the Centre for the Efficient Utilization of Water for Agriculture in Islamabad, and invites the relevant United Nations agencies to consider extending support to the establishment process and the activities of the bodies;

23. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the progress made by the Economic Cooperation Organization towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals related to child mortality, maternal mortality and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, and encourages the relevant United Nations agencies, especially the United Nations Development Programme, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization, to consider extending technical and financial support to the Economic Cooperation Organization, as appropriate;

24. *Appreciates* the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to enhance cooperation in the field of health in the region in collaboration with international organizations and specialized agencies, especially the World Health

Organization, the International Society of Blood Transfusion, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund, and encourages their continued support for the activities of the Economic Cooperation Organization in the field of health;

25. *Invites* the relevant specialized agencies and international organizations, especially the Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the United Nations Development Programme, to consider expanding cooperation in the area of natural disaster risk management with the Economic Cooperation Organization and to consider extending their technical and financial support for the activities of the Economic Cooperation Organization in the field of natural disaster risk management in the region;

26. *Welcomes* the signing of the Technical Cooperation Project Agreement between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization on support for the implementation and development of the CountrySTAT framework in the Economic Cooperation Organization countries, for the development of agriculture statistics in the region, the first phase of which will be implemented in Afghanistan as a pilot country;

27. *Appreciates* the joint cooperation of the Economic Cooperation Organization and the Statistics Division of the United Nations Secretariat in conducting training courses and workshops for the member countries of the Economic Cooperation Organization in the region, and invites the Statistics Division to consider extending its technical and financial support for the design and implementation of a statistical capacity-building programme for the development of statistics in the region;

28. *Also appreciates* the efforts of the Drug and Organized Crime Coordination Unit of the Economic Cooperation Organization to compile and disseminate drug-related data and organize training programmes aimed at enhancing the technical and professional expertise of the officials working in the relevant anti-narcotics forces and agencies of its member States, within the framework of a European Union-funded project in the member countries of the Economic Cooperation Organization, and encourages the donor agencies, such as the European Commission and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to consider providing technical and financial assistance to the Unit in its efforts against drug-related and other related crimes;

29. *Further appreciates* the contributions made by the Economic Cooperation Organization towards reconstruction and development in Afghanistan, commends its active participation in and constructive contributions to various regional and international initiatives on Afghanistan, and especially appreciates its support for the high-level Core Group of Regional Forum Secretaries-General established at the meeting of the regional bodies on 19 July 2010, the Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan and the Istanbul Process on Regional Security and Cooperation for a Secure and Stable Afghanistan;

30. *Notes* the interest of the Cultural Institute of the Economic Cooperation Organization in strengthening cooperation with the relevant United Nations institutions, especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization, and encourages the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to consider extending support to the Economic Cooperation Organization in developing and implementing projects that can promote the rich cultural heritage of the region;

31. *Appreciates* the operationalization of the Science Foundation of the Economic Cooperation Organization in Islamabad and its Educational Institute in Ankara as specialized arms of the organization to foster regional cooperation among its member States in the fields of science and education, respectively, and encourages the relevant specialized agencies of the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to work closely, within the scope of their mandate and within existing resources, with these two newly established bodies in preparing and implementing appropriate projects for the promotion of science and education in the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization;

32. *Also appreciates* the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to establish or activate contact groups of ambassadors of its member States within the United Nations and with other regional and international organizations to, inter alia, mobilize technical and financial assistance for the implementation of the regional projects of the Economic Cooperation Organization and harmonize their positions on issues of common interest, and invites the relevant international and regional organizations to extend assistance to these contact groups within the scope of their mandate and within existing resources;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

34. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization".

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**Addendum**

Add the following country to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

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## Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* the Agreement between the Council of Europe and the Secretariat of the United Nations signed on 15 December 1951 and the Arrangement on Cooperation and Liaison between the Secretariats of the United Nations and the Council of Europe of 19 November 1971,

*Recalling also* its resolution 44/6 of 17 October 1989, in which it granted the Council of Europe a standing invitation to participate as an observer in its sessions and work, as well as its previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe,[1]

*Acknowledging* the contribution of the Council of Europe to the protection and strengthening of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law through its standards, principles and monitoring mechanisms, as well as to the effective implementation of relevant international legal instruments of the United Nations,

*Acknowledging also* the contribution of the Council of Europe to the development of international law, and noting the openness of the Council of Europe to the participation of States of other regions in its legal instruments,

*Welcoming* the role of the Council of Europe in building a united Europe without dividing lines and the contribution of the Council of Europe to cohesion, stability and security in Europe,

*Commending* the increasing contribution of the Council of Europe, including at the parliamentary level, to democratic transition in its neighbouring regions aimed at promoting democratic institutions and procedures, and welcoming the

[1] Resolutions 55/3, 56/43, 57/156, 59/139, 61/13, 63/14 and 65/130.



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readiness of the Council of Europe to further share its experience in democracy-building with interested countries on the basis of a demand-driven approach,

*Welcoming* the increasingly close relations between the United Nations and the Council of Europe and the opening of the Permanent Delegations of the Council of Europe to the United Nations Offices at Geneva and Vienna, and commending the contribution of those delegations to the enhancement of cooperation and the achievement of greater synergy between the United Nations and the Council of Europe,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe,[2]

1. *Reiterates its call for* the reinforcement of cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe regarding the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the promotion of democracy and the rule of law, inter alia, the prevention of torture, the fight against terrorism and trafficking in human beings, the fight against racism, discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance, the promotion of religious freedom and the defence of religious minorities, the protection of the rights and dignity of all members of society, including children, the elderly, migrants and persons belonging to minorities, the promotion of gender equality and the promotion of human rights education;

2. *Confirms its recognition* of the key role of the European Court of Human Rights in ensuring effective human rights protection under the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms[3] for the 800 million citizens in the 47 member States of the Council of Europe, and notes with interest the efforts to guarantee the long-term effectiveness of the Court system and to ensure the rapid and effective execution of Court judgments, as well as the ongoing work aiming at accession of the European Union to the Convention;

3. *Recognizes* the important role of the Council of Europe in upholding the rule of law and fighting impunity, including by strengthening the capacity of the national judiciaries of its member States to carry out their work consistent with the relevant international obligations of the member States in particular, and where applicable, those defined in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;[4]

4. *Also recognizes* the role of the revised European Social Charter and of the European Committee of Social Rights in protecting economic and social rights, notes the complementarities of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities[5] and the Council of Europe Disability Action Plan 2006-2015, and confirms its support for cooperation between the two organizations with respect to the eradication of poverty, the protection and promotion of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, the fight against maternal and child mortality, encouraging the integration of migrants and refugees, strengthening social cohesion and ensuring the protection of economic, social and cultural rights for all;

5. *Encourages* further cooperation between the United Nations, including the Human Rights Council and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner

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[2] See A/67/280-S/2012/614, sect. II.

[3] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 5.

[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2187, No. 38544.

[5] Resolution 61/106, annex I.

for Human Rights, as well as the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, and the Council of Europe, including its Commissioner for Human Rights, with regard to promoting respect for human rights;

6. *Takes note with appreciation* of the contribution of the Council of Europe to the enhancement of cooperation between international and regional mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights, and in this context welcomes, in particular, the contribution of the Council of Europe to the universal periodic review regarding the situation of human rights in States members of the Council of Europe;

7. *Encourages* further cooperation, where appropriate, between the United Nations and the Council of Europe through their mechanisms on the prevention of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and supports the development of cooperation in the penitentiary field, namely with regard to the consideration by Member States of updating the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners[6] and in combating prison overcrowding;

8. *Also encourages* the Council of Europe to continue cooperation with the United Nations in the fight against trafficking in persons, recalls that the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings[7] is open for accession by all States, takes note with interest of the results of the monitoring activities carried out by the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and by the Committee of the Parties to the Convention;

9. *Welcomes* the ongoing elaboration by the Council of Europe of a convention against trafficking in human organs and a possible protocol thereto against trafficking in human tissues and cells, as a follow-up to the joint Council of Europe/United Nations study entitled *Trafficking in organs, tissues and cells and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of the removal of organs*, and encourages further cooperation in this field;

10. *Welcomes and encourages* the close collaboration between the United Nations Children's Fund, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Council of Europe to protect and promote the rights of the child, takes note of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2012-2015) promoting the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child[8] in its member States, and in this context recalls that the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse[9] is open for accession by all States, and supports the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE campaign to stop sexual violence against children;

11. *Welcomes* the reinforced action of the Council of Europe to promote the social inclusion and respect for human rights of the Roma, and encourages further cooperation between the two organizations in this field;

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[6] *Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments*, Volume I (First Part), *Universal Instruments* (United Nations publications, Sales No. E.02.XIV.4 (Vol. I, Part 1)), sect. J, No. 34.

[7] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 197.

[8] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

[9] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 201.

12. *Also welcomes* the strengthening of agreed and specified cooperation between the Council of Europe and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), encourages both bodies to pursue the development of a fruitful collaboration in eliminating violence against women and the achievement of de facto gender equality, and in this context recognizes the important contribution which the new Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence,[10] which is open for accession by all States, will make in eradicating this scourge;

13. *Encourages* continuing cooperation between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Council of Europe, in particular in the protection and promotion of the rights of refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced persons, and in the prevention and reduction of statelessness, and recognizes the importance of the interface offered by the presence at the Council of Europe of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg, as well as by the Permanent Delegation of the Council of Europe to the United Nations Office at Geneva;

14. *Recognizes* the continuing close liaison and fruitful cooperation between United Nations missions and the field offices of the Council of Europe;

15. *Encourages* further cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe in the area of democracy and good governance, including by active participation in the Strasbourg World Forum for Democracy and through engagement with youth representatives and civil society, as appropriate, and the strengthening of the links between the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development and the Council of Europe Project on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights, and in this context welcomes the contribution of the Conference of international non-governmental organizations of the Council of Europe to those activities;

16. *Notes* the important role of the United Nations Development Programme and the Council of Europe in supporting good local democratic governance, as well as the fruitful cooperation between them, encourages further deepening of the cooperation following the signature in February 2010 of the memorandum of understanding between the United Nations Development Programme Regional Bureau for Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Council of Europe in this field, and calls for enhanced cooperation between the Council of Europe and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in the field of sustainable urban governance;

17. *Taking note* of the contribution of the Council of Europe in protecting and promoting all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including, inter alia, the right to freedom of expression and opinion and the freedom of the media, and encourages further cooperation between the Council of Europe and relevant United Nations agencies in this regard, in particular with regard to the implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity;

[10] Ibid., No. 210.

18. *Reaffirms* that the development of the information society and the Internet must protect and respect freedom of expression, as well as the right to privacy through, in particular, data protection, while recognizing lawful restrictions as set out in domestic legislation in accordance with international law, acknowledges the importance of the work of the Council of Europe in protecting those rights, takes note of its Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data,[11] which is open for accession by all States, and encourages further cooperation in these areas between relevant United Nations agencies and the Council of Europe as appropriate;

19. *Welcomes and encourages* the close cooperation between the two organizations in the fight against transnational organized crime, cybercrime, terrorism and money-laundering, as well as in the protection of the rights of victims of such crimes, and recalls that the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime[12] and the Additional Protocol thereto,[13] the recently adopted Council of Europe Convention on the Counterfeiting of Medical Products and Similar Crimes Involving Threats to Public Health,[14] as well as several other relevant Council of Europe conventions, are open for accession by all States;

20. *Welcomes and supports* the cooperation between the respective mechanisms concerning the prevention of and the fight against corruption, notably by reviewing and mutually reinforcing the implementation of international anti-corruption standards;

21. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Council of Europe to the promotion of the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy[15] and the collaboration between their respective mechanisms regarding the fight against terrorism, including the financing of terrorism, in full respect of human rights and the rule of law, and recalls that the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism[16] and Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism[17] are open for accession by all States;

22. *Also welcomes* the continued cooperation of the Council of Europe, where appropriate and in accordance with international drug control conventions, with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Narcotics Control Board in the fight against drug abuse and drug trafficking, and notes the role played by the Pompidou Group in this regard;

23. *Further welcomes* the contribution of the Council of Europe to the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly and the International Law Commission;

24. *Notes* the cooperation established between the Alliance of Civilizations and the Council of Europe following their signature of a memorandum of understanding on 29 September 2008 and the accession of the Alliance of Civilizations to the Faro Platform, and encourages the United Nations Educational,

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[11] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 108.
[12] Ibid., No. 185.
[13] Ibid., No. 189.
[14] Ibid., No. 211.
[15] See resolution 60/288.
[16] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 196.
[17] Ibid., No. 198.

Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Alliance of Civilizations on the one hand, and the Council of Europe and its North-South Centre on the other, to pursue their developing and fruitful collaboration in the field of intercultural dialogue;

25. *Also notes* the cooperation between the Council of Europe and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the field of education, and encourages the extension of this cooperation, which should continue to focus on the role of education in developing just and humane societies characterized by the participation of individuals and the ability of individuals and societies to conduct intercultural dialogue, as well as on the encouragement of the diversity of cultural expressions;

26. *Requests* the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and the Council of Europe to combine their efforts in seeking answers to global challenges, within their respective mandates, and calls upon all relevant United Nations bodies to support the enhancement of cooperation with the Council of Europe;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe in the implementation of the present resolution.

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**Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe**

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## Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* the Agreement between the Council of Europe and the Secretariat of the United Nations signed on 15 December 1951 and the Arrangement on Cooperation and Liaison between the Secretariats of the United Nations and the Council of Europe of 19 November 1971,

*Recalling also* its resolution 44/6 of 17 October 1989, in which it granted the Council of Europe a standing invitation to participate as an observer in its sessions and work, as well as its previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe,[1]

*Acknowledging* the contribution of the Council of Europe to the protection and strengthening of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law through its standards, principles and monitoring mechanisms, as well as to the effective implementation of relevant international legal instruments of the United Nations,

*Acknowledging also* the contribution of the Council of Europe to the development of international law, and noting the openness of the Council of Europe to the participation of States of other regions in its legal instruments,

[1] Resolutions 55/3, 56/43, 57/156, 59/139, 61/13, 63/14 and 65/130.

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*Welcoming* the role of the Council of Europe in building a united Europe without dividing lines and the contribution of the Council of Europe to cohesion, stability and security in Europe,

*Commending* the increasing contribution of the Council of Europe, including at the parliamentary level, to democratic transition in its neighbouring regions aimed at promoting democratic institutions and procedures, and welcoming the readiness of the Council of Europe to further share its experience in democracy-building with interested countries on the basis of a demand-driven approach,

*Welcoming* the increasingly close relations between the United Nations and the Council of Europe and the opening of the Permanent Delegations of the Council of Europe to the United Nations Offices at Geneva and Vienna, and commending the contribution of those delegations to the enhancement of cooperation and the achievement of greater synergy between the United Nations and the Council of Europe,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe,[2]

1. *Reiterates its call for* the reinforcement of cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe regarding the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the promotion of democracy and the rule of law, inter alia, the prevention of torture, the fight against terrorism and trafficking in human beings, the fight against racism, discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance, the promotion of religious freedom and the defence of religious minorities, the protection of the rights and dignity of all members of society, including children, the elderly, migrants and persons belonging to minorities, the promotion of gender equality and the promotion of human rights education;

2. *Confirms its recognition* of the key role of the European Court of Human Rights in ensuring effective human rights protection under the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms[3] for the 800 million citizens in the 47 member States of the Council of Europe, and notes with interest the efforts to guarantee the long-term effectiveness of the Court system and to ensure the rapid and effective execution of Court judgments, as well as the ongoing work aiming at accession of the European Union to the Convention;

3. *Recognizes* the important role of the Council of Europe in upholding the rule of law and fighting impunity, including by strengthening the capacity of the national judiciaries of its member States to carry out their work consistent with the relevant international obligations of the member States in particular, and where applicable, those defined in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;[4]

4. *Also recognizes* the role of the revised European Social Charter and of the European Committee of Social Rights in protecting economic and social rights, notes the complementarities of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities[5] and the Council of Europe Disability Action Plan 2006-2015, and confirms its support for cooperation between the two organizations

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[2] See A/67/280-S/2012/614, sect. II.

[3] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 5.

[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2187, No. 38544.

[5] Resolution 61/106, annex I.

with respect to the eradication of poverty, the protection and promotion of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, the fight against maternal and child mortality, encouraging the integration of migrants and refugees, strengthening social cohesion and ensuring the protection of economic, social and cultural rights for all;

5. *Encourages* further cooperation between the United Nations, including the Human Rights Council and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as well as the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, and the Council of Europe, including its Commissioner for Human Rights, with regard to promoting respect for human rights;

6. *Takes note with appreciation* of the contribution of the Council of Europe to the enhancement of cooperation between international and regional mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights, and in this context welcomes, in particular, the contribution of the Council of Europe to the universal periodic review regarding the situation of human rights in States members of the Council of Europe;

7. *Encourages* further cooperation, where appropriate, between the United Nations and the Council of Europe through their mechanisms on the prevention of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and supports the development of cooperation in the penitentiary field, namely with regard to the consideration by Member States of updating the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners[6] and in combating prison overcrowding;

8. *Also encourages* the Council of Europe to continue cooperation with the United Nations in the fight against trafficking in persons, recalls that the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings[7] is open for accession by all States, takes note with interest of the results of the monitoring activities carried out by the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and by the Committee of the Parties to the Convention;

9. *Takes note with appreciation* of the ongoing elaboration by the Council of Europe of a convention against trafficking in human organs and a possible protocol thereto against trafficking in human tissues and cells, as a follow-up to the joint Council of Europe/United Nations study entitled *Trafficking in organs, tissues and cells and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of the removal of organs*, and encourages further cooperation in this field;

10. *Welcomes and encourages* the close collaboration between the United Nations Children's Fund, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Council of Europe to protect and promote the rights of the child, takes note of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2012-2015) promoting the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child[8] in its member States, and in this context recalls that the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse[9] is open for accession by all States, and

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[6] *Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments*, Volume I (First Part), *Universal Instruments* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.XIV.4 (Vol. I, Part 1)), sect. J, No. 34.

[7] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 197.

[8] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

[9] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 201.

supports the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE campaign to stop sexual violence against children;

11. *Welcomes* the reinforced action of the Council of Europe to promote the social inclusion and respect for human rights of the Roma, and encourages further cooperation between the two organizations in this field;

12. *Also welcomes* the strengthening of agreed and specified cooperation between the Council of Europe and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), encourages both bodies to pursue the development of a fruitful collaboration in eliminating violence against women and the achievement of de facto gender equality, and in this context recognizes the important contribution which the new Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence,[10] which is open for accession by all States, will make in eradicating this scourge;

13. *Encourages* continuing cooperation between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Council of Europe, in particular in the protection and promotion of the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons, and in the prevention and reduction of statelessness, and recognizes the importance of the interface offered by the presence at the Council of Europe of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg, as well as by the Permanent Delegation of the Council of Europe to the United Nations Office at Geneva;

14. *Recognizes* the continuing close liaison and fruitful cooperation between United Nations missions and the field offices of the Council of Europe;

15. *Encourages* further cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe in the area of democracy and good governance, including by active participation in the Strasbourg World Forum for Democracy and through engagement with youth representatives and civil society, as appropriate, and the strengthening of the links between the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development and the Council of Europe Project on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights, and in this context welcomes the contribution of the Conference of international non-governmental organizations of the Council of Europe to those activities;

16. *Notes* the important role of the United Nations Development Programme and the Council of Europe in supporting good local democratic governance, as well as the fruitful cooperation between them, encourages further deepening of the cooperation following the signature in February 2010 of the memorandum of understanding between the United Nations Development Programme Regional Bureau for Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Council of Europe in this field, and calls for enhanced cooperation between the Council of Europe and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in the field of sustainable urban governance;

17. *Taking note* of the contribution of the Council of Europe in protecting and promoting all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including, inter alia, the right to freedom of expression and opinion and the freedom of the media, and

[10] Ibid., No. 210.

encourages further cooperation between the Council of Europe and relevant United Nations agencies in this regard, in particular with regard to the implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity;

18. *Reaffirms* that the development of the information society and the Internet must protect and respect freedom of expression, as well as privacy rights, including as they relate to data protection, while recognizing lawful restrictions as set out in domestic legislation in accordance with international human rights law, acknowledges the importance of the work of the Council of Europe in protecting those rights, takes note of its Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data,[11] which is open for accession by all States, and encourages further cooperation in these areas between relevant United Nations agencies and the Council of Europe as appropriate;

19. *Welcomes and encourages* the close cooperation between the two organizations in the fight against transnational organized crime, cybercrime, terrorism and money-laundering, as well as in the protection of the rights of victims of such crimes, and recalls that the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime[12] and the Additional Protocol thereto,[13] the recently adopted Council of Europe Convention on the Counterfeiting of Medical Products and Similar Crimes Involving Threats to Public Health,[14] as well as several other relevant Council of Europe conventions, are open for accession by all States;

20. *Welcomes and supports* the cooperation between the respective mechanisms concerning the prevention of and the fight against corruption, notably by reviewing and mutually reinforcing the implementation of international anti-corruption standards;

21. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Council of Europe to the promotion of the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy[15] and the collaboration between their respective mechanisms regarding the fight against terrorism, including the financing of terrorism, in full respect of human rights and the rule of law, and recalls that the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism[16] and Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism[17] are open for accession by all States;

22. *Also welcomes* the continued cooperation of the Council of Europe, where appropriate and in accordance with international drug control conventions, with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Narcotics Control Board in the fight against drug abuse and drug trafficking, and notes the role played by the Pompidou Group in this regard;

23. *Further welcomes* the contribution of the Council of Europe to the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly and the International Law Commission;

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[11] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 108.
[12] Ibid., No. 185.
[13] Ibid., No. 189.
[14] Ibid., No. 211.
[15] See resolution 60/288.
[16] Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 196.
[17] Ibid., No. 198.

24. *Notes* the cooperation established between the Alliance of Civilizations and the Council of Europe following their signature of a memorandum of understanding on 29 September 2008 and the accession of the Alliance of Civilizations to the Faro Platform, and encourages the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Alliance of Civilizations on the one hand, and the Council of Europe and its North-South Centre on the other, to pursue their developing and fruitful collaboration in the field of intercultural dialogue;

25. *Also notes* the cooperation between the Council of Europe and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the field of education, and encourages the extension of this cooperation, which should continue to focus on the role of education in developing just and humane societies characterized by the participation of individuals and the ability of individuals and societies to conduct intercultural dialogue, as well as on the encouragement of the diversity of cultural expressions;

26. *Requests* the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and the Council of Europe to combine their efforts in seeking answers to global challenges, within their respective mandates, and calls upon all relevant United Nations bodies to support the enhancement of cooperation with the Council of Europe;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe in the implementation of the present resolution.

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# Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe

**Addendum**

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

**Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mexico, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Slovenia**

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**China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan: draft resolution**

## Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* that one of the objectives of the United Nations is to achieve cooperation in maintaining international peace and security and solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character,

*Recalling also* the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage activities on the basis of regional cooperation to promote the goals and objectives of the United Nations,

*Recalling further* its resolution 59/48 of 2 December 2004, by which it granted observer status to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization,

*Recalling* its resolutions 64/183 of 18 December 2009 and 65/124 of 13 December 2010 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization,

*Recalling also* the joint declaration on cooperation between the Secretariats of the United Nations and of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, dated 5 April 2010,

*Noting* that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization has become an essential regional organization for addressing security in the region in all its dimensions,

*Recognizing* the efforts of the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to build the region of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization into a region of lasting peace, friendship, prosperity and harmony,

*Noting* the aspiration of the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to promote stability and security based on mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, consultation, respect for cultural diversity and pursuit of common development and to contribute to the maintenance of international peace and

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security, and taking note in this regard of the Declaration of the Heads of State of the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization on building a region of lasting peace and common prosperity, signed in Beijing on 7 June 2012,[1]

*Welcoming* the efforts of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to support the building of a world free of nuclear weapons, including in Central Asia, in strict compliance with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[2]

*Recognizing* the efforts of the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to promote counter-terrorism cooperation, including through the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure, and welcoming in this regard the Protocols on cooperation between the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, signed on 22 July 2012, and between the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for Combating the Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors, signed on 27 September 2012,

*Noting* the revised version of the Regulations on Political and Diplomatic Measures and Mechanism of Response to Events Jeopardizing Regional Peace, Security and Stability of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and the Programme of Cooperation in Combating Terrorism, Separatism and Extremism for 2013-2015, which broadened the basis for security cooperation among the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization,

*Recognizing* the importance of implementation of the 2011-2016 Anti-Drug Strategy and Action Plan of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization as an effective mechanism for regional cooperation in combating drugs,

*Welcoming* the signing of the memorandum of understanding between the secretariat of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in June 2011 with a view to effectively addressing, in cooperation with relevant international and regional actors, the production, trade and trafficking of drugs originating in Afghanistan,

*Welcoming also* the decision of the States members of Shanghai Cooperation Organization to grant Afghanistan observer status in the organization and the determination of the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to continue to support the Afghan people in the reconstruction of Afghanistan,

*Welcoming further* the decision of the States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to grant Turkey the status of dialogue partner,

*Noting* the efforts of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to address international information security, taking note of the initiatives of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in this regard, and recognizing the need for further discussions in relevant forums,

*Recognizing* the efforts of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to promote cooperation with other regional organizations, including the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Association of

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[1] A/67/111, annex.

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

Southeast Asian Nations, the Eurasian Economic Community and the Economic Cooperation Organization,

*Welcoming* the signing of the memorandum of understanding between the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

*Taking into consideration* the fact that countries with economies in transition are among the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and in this regard recalling its resolution 61/210 of 20 December 2006, in which it proposed that the United Nations system enhance dialogue with regional and subregional cooperation organizations whose membership includes countries with economies in transition and increase support provided to them,

*Convinced* that strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization helps to promote the goals and objectives of the United Nations,

1. *Acknowledges* the important role of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in securing peace and sustainable development, advancing regional cooperation, strengthening good-neighbourliness and mutual trust, and takes note of the activities of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization aimed at strengthening peace, security and stability in the region, countering terrorism, separatism and extremism, drug trafficking and other types of criminal activity of a transnational character and promoting regional cooperation in various areas such as trade and economic development, energy, transportation, agriculture and agro-industry, the regulation of migration, banking and finances, information and telecommunications, science and new technology, Customs, education, public health, environmental protection and reducing the danger of natural disasters, as well as in other related areas;

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of strengthening dialogue, cooperation and coordination between the United Nations system and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and proposes that the Secretary-General, for this purpose, continue to hold regular consultations with the Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization through the existing inter-agency forums and formats, including the annual consultations between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the heads of regional organizations;

3. *Proposes* that the specialized agencies, organizations, programmes and funds of the United Nations system cooperate with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization with a view to jointly implementing programmes to achieve their goals, and in this regard recommends that the heads of such entities continue consultations with the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization".